

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1-15. (canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An intervertebral implant comprising:

an intervertebral spacer body having at least an upper endface ~~sized and configured~~ to contact at least a portion of an upper vertebra when in an implanted configuration; and

at least one end member including a plurality of spikes for engaging at least a portion of the upper vertebra,

wherein the at least one end member is non-rotatably, slidably movable with respect to the intervertebral spacer body so that the at least one end member is non-rotatably, slidably moveable between a first position and a second position wherein when in the first position the plurality of spikes formed on the at least one end member extend beyond the upper endface of the spacer body and when in the second position the plurality of spikes formed on the at least one end member do not extend beyond the upper endface of the spacer body.

17. (Previously Presented) The implant of claim 16, further comprising fastening means for securing the end member to the intervertebral spacer body in the first position.

18. (Currently Amended) The implant of claim 16, wherein the end member includes a top surface, a bottom surface, an internal bore defining an inner surface for non-rotatably, slidably receiving the intervertebral spacer body therein, and one or more elastically deformable projections

extending from the inner surface, the elastically deformable projections engaging the intervertebral spacer body when the end member is in the first position so that the position of the end member with respect to the intervertebral spacer body is secured.

19. (Previously Presented) The implant of claim 18, wherein the one or more elastically deformable projections are hook-type members.

20. (Previously Presented) The implant of claim 18, wherein the elastically deformable projections are integrally formed with the end member.

21. (Previously Presented) The implant of claim 18, wherein the intervertebral spacer body includes a shoulder for engaging the one or more elastically deformable projections.

22. (Previously Presented) The implant of claim 18, wherein the intervertebral spacer body includes one or more recesses for engaging the one or more elastically deformable projections.

23. (Previously Presented) The implant of claim 16, wherein the intervertebral spacer body includes at least one closing plate adjacent the upper endface.

24. (Currently Amended) The implant of claim 16, wherein the intervertebral spacer body further includes a lower endface ~~sized and configured~~ to contact at least a portion of a lower vertebra when in the implanted configuration; and the intervertebral implant further includes a second end member including a plurality of spikes for engaging at least a portion of the lower vertebra, wherein the second end member is also non-rotatably, slidably movable with respect to the intervertebral spacer body so that the second end member is non-rotatably, slidably moveable between a first position and a

second position wherein when in the first position the plurality of spikes formed on the second end member extend beyond the lower endface of the intervertebral spacer body and when in the second position the plurality of spikes formed on the second end member do not extend beyond the lower endface of the intervertebral spacer body.

25. (Currently Amended)

An intervertebral implant comprising:

an intervertebral spacer body having an upper endface ~~sized and configured~~ to contact at least a portion of an upper vertebra when in an implanted configuration and a lower endface ~~sized and configured~~ to contact at least a portion of a lower vertebra when in the implanted configuration;

a first end member including a plurality of spikes for engaging at least a portion of the upper vertebra; and

a second end member including a plurality of spikes for engaging at least a portion of the lower vertebra;

wherein the first and second end members are non-rotatably, slidably movable with respect to the intervertebral spacer body so that the first and second end members are non-rotatably, slidably moveable between a first position and a second position wherein when in the first position the plurality of spikes formed on the first end member extend beyond the upper endface of the spacer body and the plurality of spikes formed on the second end member extend beyond the lower endface of the spacer body, and when in the second position the plurality of spikes formed on the first end member do not extend beyond the upper endface and the plurality of spikes formed on the second end member do not extend beyond the lower endface.

26. (previously presented) The implant of claim 25, further comprising fastening means for securing the first and second end members to the intervertebral spacer body in the first position.

27. (previously presented) The implant of claim 25, wherein the first and second end members each include one or more elastically deformable projections for engaging the intervertebral spacer body when the first and second end members are in the first position so that the position of the first and second end members with respect to the intervertebral spacer body are secured.

28. (previously presented) The implant of claim 27, wherein the one or more elastically deformable projections are hook-type members.

29. (previously presented) The implant of claim 27, wherein the elastically deformable projections are integrally formed with the end members.

30. (previously presented) The implant of claim 27, wherein the intervertebral spacer body includes a shoulder for engaging the one or more elastically deformable projections.

31. (previously presented) The implant of claim 27, wherein the intervertebral spacer body includes one or more recesses for engaging the one or more elastically deformable projections.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of implanting an intervertebral implant into an intervertebral disc space between upper and lower vertebrae, the method including the steps of:

providing an intervertebral implant having an intervertebral spacer body having an upper endface and a lower endface for contacting the upper and lower vertebrae, respectively; and first and second end members, wherein the first and second end members are non-rotatably, slidably disposed on the intervertebral spacer body, the first and second end members including a plurality of spikes formed on a surface thereof;

inserting the intervertebral implant into the intervertebral disc so that the upper endface formed on the intervertebral spacer body contacts the upper vertebra and the lower endface formed on the intervertebral spacer body contacts the lower vertebra;

non-rotatably, slidably moving the first and second end members with respect to the intervertebral spacer body so that the plurality of spikes engage the upper and lower vertebrae, respectively; and

securing the first and second end members with respect to the intervertebral spacer body.